

Northern Beaches Local Area Command

Community Safety Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes

Wednesday 21st March 2012

Chairperson: Superintendent Cruickshank

Attendees:

Inspector McCormack	Northern Beaches Police	Duty Officer
Amanda Lehmann	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Officer
Senior Constable Boss	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Senior Constable Bird	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Phil Nichol	Representative for M/P	Member for Manly
Lisa Nagle	Representative for M/P	Member for Wakehurst
Keith Ralfs	Pittwater Business Ltd	Director
Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Community Library & Economic Development
Andrew Johnston	Representative for M/P	Member for Pittwater
Ruth Robins	Warringah Council	Group Manager Community Services
Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority	Traffic and Service Manager
Julia Nowland	MDECC	Intervention Program Coordinator
Jack McCann	Warringah Chamber of Commerce	Treasurer
Aaron Hendrikson	Mona Vale Chamber of Commerce	President

Apologies:

Inspector Craig Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Manager
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor of Pittwater
Michael Regan	Warringah Council	Mayor of Warringah
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	Member for Wakehurst
Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	Member for Pittwater
Jonathon O'Dea	Member of Parliament	Member for Davidson
Linda White	Warringah Chamber of Commerce	President
Mike Baird	Member of Parliament	Member for Manly

Meeting Commenced at 9.10am.

Official Welcome:

Meeting opened and official welcome by Superintendent Cruickshank.

Superintendent Cruickshank gave a general overview of the Command. Superintendent Cruickshank stated that the statistics have been up and down. One offender had been arrested for a number of robberies within the Command and a number of youth have also been arrested for other robberies. Graffiti in the Command is down and has been for some time.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Keith Ralphs and seconded by Lindsay Godfrey.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil matters arising

Action:

Crime Overview:

Presented by Amanda Lehmann

• **Assault - Non Domestic Related**

- Assault Non DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 37% of incidents.
- Dee Why is the current hotspot followed by Brookvale and Mona Vale.
- The hot time for assaults is 1am.
- Saturday is the predominant day, followed by Friday.
- Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places (35%), followed by Residential (25%).
- Common Assault (69%), AOABH (27%)
- MO is Physical force (31%), Punch (28%)
- Gender/Age Range: Male (93%), 14-17 years (11%) 18-21 years (15%) 22-25 years (37%)

• **Assault – Domestic Violence Related**

- Assault DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 39% of incidents.
- Dee Why and Brookvale are the current hotspot areas.
- The hot time for assaults is 9pm.
- The predominant day is Friday followed by Sunday.
- Assaults primarily occur at residential premises (92%)
- 19% result in AOABH. The main MO is Physical Force (31%) & Punch (18%).
- Gender/Age Range: Male 75%, 56+ years 50%

• **Break and Enter Dwelling**

- The hotspot locations are Dee Why, Narrabeena and Narrabeen.

- The hot times are 10-11am and 3pm.
 - The predominant day is Wednesday followed by Tuesday.
 - Main method of entry is Ground Floor Front Door (10%), Opened (8%) and Ground Floor Rear Door (7%).
- **Break and Enter Non-Dwelling**
 - The hotspot locations are Frenchs Forest followed equally by Mona Vale and Brookvale.
 - Business/Commercial premises make up 39% of Non Dwelling Break and Enters followed by Education at 28%.
 - The hot time is 12am-1am.
 - The predominant days are Friday & Saturday.
 - Main MO is Ground Floor Front Door (14%) followed by Forced Lock (13%).
- **Stealing**
 - The hotspot location for SFP and SFR is predominantly Brookvale (Mall).
 - The primary premise type for SFR and SFP is business/commercial.
 - The hot time period for Stealing is 10am and 5pm.
 - The predominant day for Stealing is Friday and Saturday.
- **Steal from Motor Vehicle**
 - The hotspot locations are predominantly Dee Why (14%) followed equally by Collaroy, Collaroy Plateau and Newport (8%).
 - The hot time period for Steal from Motor Vehicle is 11pm-2am.
 - The predominant day for Steal from Motor Vehicle is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - MO majority of vehicles are left unlocked with property stolen including laptops, cash, GPS, handbags/wallets, tools, clothes.
- **Robbery**
 - There were 8 Robberies in February compared to no robbery offences in January.
 - 5 of these robberies were on businesses including the Caltex at Dee Why (robbed twice), Chamber Cellars at Narraweena, Coles Express at Brookvale & Domino's at Manly Vale.
 - A knife was produced in two of those robberies and cash, cigarettes & mobile phones were stolen. A male offender identified from CCTV footage has been arrested and charged for 4 of these robberies.
 - The 3 other robberies were street level and involved 2 POI's or more. Cash and mobile phones were demanded in all incidents. 2 of the 3 robberies occurred at Dee Why and 1 at Collaroy.
 - The predominant day is Sunday followed by Friday with the hot times 9pm & 3am.
- **Stolen Vehicle**
 - Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.
 - The majority of vehicles were stolen from outdoor/public places (57%) and residential premises (18%).

- There is no specific hotspot/trend , 1 veh stolen in separate suburbs.
- The hot suburbs were Dee Why and Brookvale.
- Monday, Friday and Saturday are the predominant day.

- **Malicious Damage**

- The hotspot locations are Mona Vale, Dee Why and Frenchs Forest.
- The majority of Malicious Damage has occurred at residential premises (32%) followed by outdoor/public place (24%) and business/commercial premises (14%).
- The hot time is 9-10pm.
- Friday and Saturday are the predominant days.
- Graffiti currently accounts for 7% of reported Malicious Damage.

- **Injury or Fatal Crash**

- Dee Why (19%) is the main location for accidents followed by Frenchs Forest (10%) and Collaroy/Mona Vale (7%).
- The majority of accidents had no associated factor (90%) and speed related (4%).
- The hot time is 6-8am and 2-5pm.
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday are the predominant days.

- **Pittwater Villages Report November 2011- Januray 2012**

AVALON

Hotspot areas for Avalon: Avalon Pde and Old Barrenjoey Rd. Hot day: Saturday.

Hot time: 8pm-11pm.

Main offences: Malicious Damage, SFMV and Assault

NEWPORT

Hotspot areas for Newport: Barrenjoey Rd, Bardo Rd, Kalinya St, Foamcrest Ave and Ocean Ave.

Hot day: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hot time: 9pm-midnight.

Main offences: SFMV, Malicious Damage, and Assault

MONA VALE

Hotspot areas for Mona Vale: Barrenjoey Rd, Pittwater Rd, Bungan St.

Hot day: Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Hot time: 10pm and midnight-1am.

Main offences: Malicious Damage, SFMV and Assault

Superintendent Cruickshank stated that there are ongoing issues in the northern end of the Command with underage drinking. This uses a lot of resources Friday and Saturday nights and police can often spend hours at parties moving on young persons. The Command often requests assistance from PORS (Public Order Riot Squad) to assist in the moving on of young persons. Vikings operations are often run which involve a number of police. These operations are very successful in identifying and targeting young persons who have been drinking. The young persons are referred to the Your Choice Program.

- **Transit Related Offences**

Hotspot areas : Newport – Barrenjoey Rd, Mona Vale – Pittwater Rd & Barrenjoey Rd.

General Business:

Senior Constable Bird updated the committee on two community complaints which had been sent to Warringah Council. These complaints had been sent to police for follow up and action.

Complaint one was in relation to the Collaroy Plateau Oval Tennis Court hut. The hut had been an area where persons were congregating on the weekends and getting involved in anti-social behaviour, drinking, urinating, starting fires, graffiti etc. On Wednesday 25th January Senior Constable Bird attended the location and conducted a security assessment. At the time of the assessment the Collaroy Plateau Cricket Club president was also in attendance. The Collaroy Plateau Cricket Club will be taking up the lease for the hut with the intention of turning the hut into a canteen/storage facility. Until such time that the club takes possession of the hut, the hut has been boarded up so that no persons can enter the hut. A copy of the report was sent to council.

Complaint two was in relation to the Forestville Community Centre playground. Council had received correspondence from local residents regarding young persons hanging in the playground, drinking, being rowdy and throwing items over the fence and into the rear yards of local residents. On Monday 6th February, Senior Constable Bird and Rob Van Den Blink, Youth Recreation Officer from Warringah Council attended the location and conducted an assessment. At the time of the assessment there were landscapers in attendance planting additional plants along the boundary of the playground which adjoins the residential block. There was also a gate which was going to be installed at the end of the land to restrict access to this area. These were recommendations that were listed in the police report. A copy of the report was sent to council.

Ruth Robins stated that she would like to thank police for their quick response in following up and assisting council with these matters.

Open Forum:

Phil Nichol made enquires on behalf of Mike Baird in relation to the Dee Why Hotel. Superintendent Cruickshank stated the Dee why Hotel is going well. Licensing police attend regular meetings once a fortnight with the owners of the hotel and have been working very closely with the management of the hotel. There have been a number of changes made within hotel management. There have been fewer assaults at the hotel and it has been quiet lately.

Lindsay Godfrey stated that the Mona Vale Hotel has significantly improved over the last 3 years. Lindsay stated that he believed this was down to Grant being very proactive, security and working closely with local police.

Lindsay Godfrey made comment in relation to the State Governments plans re commuter policing. Lindsay stated that the plan to move some transit police into commuter policing was welcomed and supported by council. Lindsay stated that council are very supportive and hope that we continue to have ongoing resources and additional police in the future on the Northern Beaches.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated that the Police Transport Command will be commencing on the 1st May 2012. The Transport Command will be recruiting more police. All police from various commuter crime units will be merging together and moving to the new command. This command will continue to work our local operations, Radar operations with the STA on Friday and Saturday nights which has proved very successful.

Lindsay Godfrey stated that for a number of years there have been issues with late night transport on the Northern Beaches. Pittwater Council are currently looking at studies and other options for late night transport. Council are looking at options such as mini bus services and seeing how these services run in other areas. There is an issue with late night services and problems on Thursday nights with taxis who don't want to head to the Northern end of the command. We want to get people home safely. Council are doing studies and will bring those results back to the committee in the future.

Meeting concluded at 10.10 am.

Future dates for meetings.

Wednesday 18th July 9.00am

Wednesday 7th July 9.00am